IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No. 6327

Martin FUSSENEGGER et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2006 0153A

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A response to the Office Action of December 24, 2008 was filed March 19, 2009. As indicated in the Advisory Action of April 3, 2009, such claim amendments in this response were not entered. **Applicants respectfully request entry of these claim amendments**.

Also, enclosed herewith are preliminary amendments and remarks. The Office is respectfully requested to enter these preliminary claim amendments after the entry of the March 19, 2009 claim amendments.

An RCE hereby accompanies this response.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0975.